

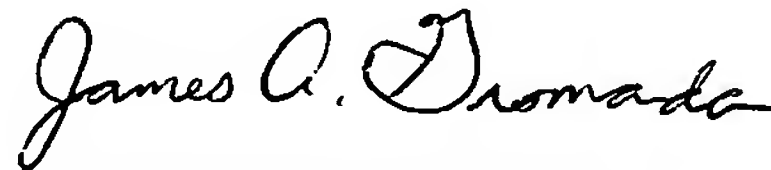
III. Remarks

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application. Claims 1-2, 5-8, and 10-11 are original. Claims 3-4, 9, and 12 have been amended. Claims 1 and 10 are independent.

Claims 3-4, 9, and 12 have been amended in a preliminary amendment in advance of substantive examination of the claims. These claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. No new matter has been added. Consideration and allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

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